FOR THE PRESS:

THE COMMONWEALTH ART ADVISORY BOARD.

The Prime Minister announced today that Mr. RUSSELL DRYSDALE had accepted an invitation to become a member of the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board.

The Prime Minister recalled that Mr. DRYSDALE had begun painting in 1935 under GEORGE BELL and that he had gained a reputation in Australia and abroad for his work. He is represented in all Australian Galleries, in the Tate Gallery, London, in the Metropolitan Museum of New York and in private collections in Australia, Europe and America.

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